

# Penny-a-Gallon Makes for Roads

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LINCOLN — Outlines of the biggest year of road building Nebraska has ever had were becoming clearer this week at the statehouse.

As much as \$25 million worth of road improvement may go under contract in 1954. This would include between \$16 and \$18 million worth of highway building by the state highway department alone. The rest would be roads built by the counties and the cities and villages, including projects where the federal government foots half the bill.

The past year about \$10 million worth of roads went under contract.

It was apparent that the state highway department is going all out to prove that it can build roads when the public provides the funds. The \$33.5 million program for the two years ending June 30, 1955, is largely possible because of the extra cent of gasoline tax and the increases in license fees voted by the 1953 legislature.

State Engineer L. N. Ress said the program is developing rapidly enough that a sufficiency rating survey for the next biennium's program is now starting.

This means that engineers from the state department will survey every mile of state highway in the state, giving each stretch a rating according to how "sufficient" it is.

All of this is to be completed by November 1. Then the department staff will sit down and from the records decide which roads are the worst and need improvement first. These roads will be put on a list and presented to the 1955 legislature as the program for the next two years.

The present road program is based on just this same kind of survey made two years ago. But Ress emphasized that a completely new survey will be made this year as conditions may have changed.

Commission Session—

It was this method of determining which roads will be improved first which was attacked by Don Hanna of Valentine, a member of the state advisory highway commission. He called the "survey" because it didn't take into account what the people in the area want.

Whether Hanna will renew his attack at the next commission meeting on Monday, January 25, remained to be seen. There were indications that some Custer county residents were none too happy with Hanna's assertion that the state highway department should be black-topping U.S. highway 83 north of Theford instead of re-paving state highway 2 northward that if residents of his district had anything to say about which road would be chosen, the Theford location would get priority.

Also scheduled for the commission's determination is a dis-

pute over which route the state highway department should choose in relocating state highway 3 between Tecumseh and Crab Orchard in Johnson county.

Ress said he has had numerous letters from towns worried about whether their road will be on the trunk highway system fixed by the commission. Deciding upon such a 6,500 mile system is one of the duties assigned the commission by the legislature. It promises to be a headache.

Governor Assailed—

Speaking of headaches, Gov. Robert Crosby had several of his own.

After refusing to change his two-year highway program to include a stretch of U.S. highway 13 near his home town of North Platte, the governor found himself sharply criticized by the North Platte Telegraph-Bulletin.

The newspaper inquired editorially as to whether North Platte was being penalized for having a native son as governor.

Crosby explained that he had thought some of including the Maywood to Wellfleet section in his program. But he said the highway department told him this would violate the whole idea of building roads strictly on engineering necessity.

The governor then bared many details of his personal life in an unusual interview with the press. He said the truth of the matter was he had spent much of his money in politics and was only in moderate financial circumstances.

"If it is wrong to be poor, then so be it," remarked the governor. He added that there is comfort in the New Testament for those who are poor.

Crosby detailed how his wife had had only a plain gold band he had bought her while he was still in law school. So after his election to the governorship in November, 1952, he said he "splurged" and bought her two diamond rings—one engagement and the other wedding.

He said that he and his wife sold almost all of their furniture before leaving North Platte because they wouldn't need it at the completely-furnished governor's mansion in Lincoln.

Crosby said he had made an honest return and would stand by it.

Publisher King had also questioned Crosby's listing three rings at \$175. But at the request of a Lincoln newspaper, the governor had the rings professionally appraised.

The Lincoln jeweler said that the two diamond rings and Crosby's law class ring cost approximately \$250 when new. But the jeweler said only \$135 altogether could be obtained from them.

Change of Tactics—

On the education scene State Sen. Glenn Cramer of Albion made the suggestion that a change in tactics in reorganizing of school districts might be in order.

Cramer said the emphasis should continue on redistricting elementary school districts. But he said maybe high school redistricting should be dropped for the time being.

The trouble with the small high schools is not enough pupils so there can be vocational agriculture and other worthwhile programs, Cramer explained. He said that maybe high school redistricting should be dropped and a minimum of 40 to 50 pupils per high school imposed.

Mrs. Clyde Samson Dies at Phoenix

CHAMBERS — Mrs. Clyde E. Samson, formerly Bessie Frary, died at her home in Phoenix, Ariz., on January 2. Death was caused by cancer.

Her parents, the late Jesse Frary and Mrs. Frary, lived for many years on a place five miles northwest of Chambers, now owned by Alfred Maas.

Bessie was born on this farm and grew to womanhood. When a young woman she went to Arizona to teach school. Later, she was married and to this union four children were born: One girl died when small. The other children with the husband are survivors.

Visit at Sidney—

PAGE — Capt. and Mrs. J. L. Lamason and two children, who have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lamason, and Mrs. Donald Lautenschlager and son, Mark, of Ewing, left last Thursday for Sidney where they were to spend a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brownell and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Brownell. Lautenschlager is the daughter and Captain Lamason the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brownell.

Cpl. Donald Borg left for Ft. Sheridan, near Chicago, Ill., on Tuesday morning where he expects to receive his discharge from the armed forces in about three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Felver left this week for Riverside, Calif., where they will make their home.

## ACWC Holds Second All-Day Session

CELIA—The Atkinson County Women's club met at the D. F. Scott home last Thursday for the second all-day meeting of the club year. Other hostesses were Mrs. Merrill Smith, Mrs. H. O. Stevens, Mrs. Fred Zink of Stuart, Mrs. Winifred Steck, Mrs. O. A. Hammerberg.

Eighteen members were present. The meeting was conducted by the vice-president, Mrs. Paul Roth, as the president, Mrs. Richard Crippen, was ill with the flu.

A Chinese auction was held and \$15 was given to the march of dimes. Several of the members' husbands were present.

Mrs. Ralph Chase was a visitor. Roll call was "Name a Christmas Gift You Received."

Mrs. Jim Beck was sponsor of entertainment. Prizes were won by Mrs. Merrill Smith and Mrs. Louise Siebert.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Louise Siebert on February 11.

Other Celia News

Dorothy Scott spent last Thursday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Dobias and family.

Alex Forsythe was a Saturday O'Neill visitor and a Saturday afternoon visitor at the O. A. Hammerberg home.

Marvin Strong, Ethel Summerer, Ivan Wayman and Charles Phipps were Tuesday evening, January 12, visitors at the Robert Hendricks home.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Frickel and children were last Thursday and Friday O'Neill visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Perry Terwilliger and sons accompanied them to O'Neill on Thursday.

Earl Schlotfeld and sons were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Ed Bausch home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Braun and family were Sunday, January 10, dinner guests at the Marvin Focken home.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Braun and family and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Focken and family were Sunday, January 10, supper guests at the Bill Ziska home.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Frickel and family attended the wedding of her brother, Donald Coleman, to Jeanne Brasser of Broken Bow Monday afternoon, January 11, at 3 o'clock in the Christ Lutheran church at O'Neill. Rev. R. W. Olson officiated.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Phipps and sons, Mark and Robert Hendricks and families, Mr. and Mrs. David Rahn and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Orr held a singin'ration at the Joe Hendricks home at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wiggins and son were Sunday guests at the Lee Terwilliger home.

John Johnson of Lyons spent last Thursday and Friday at the Earl Schlotfeld home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Livingston did chores over the weekend at the Orville Hitchcock home while they were in Sioux City.

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Hans and Jim Lauridsen were Butte visitors Monday.

Mrs. Leonard Chaffin and children visited the Lawrence Smith family last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Lee Terwilliger was a Friday morning visitor at the Hans Lauridsen home.

Ivan Wayman and Iona Ernst were Sunday dinner guests at the Victor Frickel home.

Linford Sweet thawed out a frozen water pipe in the Hammerberg home Sunday afternoon.

Frank Kilmurphy was a Wednesday afternoon, January 13, visitor at the O. A. Hammerberg home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Johnson of O'Neill were Saturday afternoon visitors at the D. F. Scott home.

Kay McKathnie spent the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley onson.

Frank Disterhaupt, jr., was a

## Friday afternoon visitor at the Hans Lauridsen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Smith and son were Saturday afternoon visitors at the Connie Frickel home.

Clarence Focken was an O'Neill visitor Friday.

The Hillside chapel group met at the Lawrence Smith home on Friday evening for Bible study.

Denton and Dennis Colfack visited the Clarence Focken children Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dobias and sons and Willis Berry had an oyster supper at the Dorothy Scott home Friday evening. After supper they and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Livingston attended a basketball game in Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ross and son were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Marvin Focken home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Heiser and son, Gerald, were last Thursday

evening visitors at the Duane Beck home.

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